

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,  
Sept. 19, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, Sept. 19, 1922, and was called to order by President Fitzhugh at 8:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Stone, Proctor and Fitzhugh. Absent: Nash.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Sept. 5, 1922 were read and approved after a correction by President Fitzhugh.

The minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of Sept 12, 1922, were read and approved as read.

A communication from the P. E. Ry. Co. regarding a wig-wag signal at Carson and Cabrillo Streets was read, the same contending that on account of insufficient traffic, either by the Pacific Electric or public vehicles, the signal was not thought necessary.

It was brought out that freight trains backed up over this crossing without a brakeman on the back end of the train, and together with the speed that the trains made over same, it was thought to be a dangerous proposition.

Trustee Gilbert moved that a letter be written setting forth these facts, and asking the Company to limit the speed to 15 miles per hour so as to eliminate the danger as much as possible. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Dr. Lancaster's communication, re spitting on floor of Auditorium Building and other public places, was read requesting that an Ordinance be drawn prohibiting same.

Trustee Proctor moved that an Ordinance be drawn up in compliance with this request. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The following letter was received from Geo. W. Neill:  
Hon. Board of Trustees,  
City of Torrance,  
Torrance, Cal.

Gentlemen:

"At the request of Mr. J. J. Jessup, City Engineer, I am writing to advise you that my new office building on Cabrillo St. is a temporary structure and I agree to remove same within three years from date of permit *Aug 1-22*

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Geo. W. Neill".

On a motion by Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Stone, the letter was accepted and ordered placed on file by a majority vote.

A letter from the City Clerk of Los Angeles acknowledging receipt of Resolution favoring the granting of application to the Santa Fe and Harbor Railway Co. was ordered filed with the Resolution.

Mr. Hirsch of the Gorham Fire Apparatus Co. stated that the matter of fire protection had taken a different turn since his last address to the Board, and asked that his company be given a chance to demonstrate their Segrave engine, which was a more powerful machine than the Reo. It would take, however, a matter of about three weeks to get one from the factory, as they had sold out during the San Francisco Fair.

The matter of asking the Fire Underwriters for a different rate, which came up in this connection, was deferred until more information had been accumulated to put before them.

Mr. Brooks of 214 Portola addressed the Board concerning the gas, sidewalks, etc. at his residence, stating that there was no gas main in the alley between Portola and the next street east; that consequently he had no gas service; that the sidewalk was not in front of his place, and that he had bought the property with the understanding that all these different services would be rendered. This brought on a general discussion of gas, water, sewer, lights, etc.

Trustee Proctor moved that the City make an investigation along these lines of existing conditions. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Isenstein stated that the Pueblo Land Co. was doing thousands of dollars worth of improving in and around the Mexican village; that Mr. Torrance had promised improvements for that vicinity; that he had seen Mr. Osburn but had gotten very little satisfaction from him. Also stated that there were some 500 people there at the present time and more coming in right along, and that he thought they ought to have some police protection out there as he had heard that a certain amount of boot-legging was going on. Mr. Isenstein recommended that Mr. Sundias be made an officer for that district.

The matter was taken under advisement.

The alley between Gramercy and Andreo below 220th St. was reported to be in an impassable condition since the dumping of gravel, etc. from Arlington Avenue.

The City Engineer thought that by putting a roller in there, it would be possible to break up the lumps and roll it into condition.

The matter of street lighting from here to and including the Mexican village, and the light at the west end of the park on Carson Street, was referred to the City Engineer who was instructed to make surveys of the situations and report findings later.

The condition of the Fiesta grounds was declared a nuisance, and the Street foreman was instructed to clean up same.

Trustee Proctor reported that he was having a good deal of trouble over our trees; that all persons being refused a permit to move them took it as a personal matter; that the applications were referred to him and always would be; that there was no Ordinance covering this matter so he had asked Mr. Briney to draw up one.

As far as the Streets and Sewer were concerned, he would ask Mr. Jessup to report for him.

City Engineer Jessup reported that they would start the paving of Arlington Avenue very soon; that they would pave the yard tomorrow; that the asphalt was here and unloaded and they had started to heat it today, and that the grading was going ahead well. Also that the detours were working all right, and that the barriers on Carson St. at the School house would be put in in a few days.

He stated that the Septic tank was working again after the rewinding of the motor which had burned out. In the matter of Dominguez Street, he was having trouble in getting teams for less than \$8.00 per day as they were all busy with the bean crop; that the County was two months behind on orders for decomposed granite. Such conditions tended to retard his work materially.

Another problem was a shed for the storing of City equipment. The Engineer advised that there was a shed down near the Sewer farm, owned by the Dominguez Land Co. that could be bought; that it was 35 X 16 and had a two inch plank floor and might be moved quite easily.

Trustee Proctor moved that the City Engineer be given power to act in the acquisition of this shed by the City. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
NORS; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

The City Engineer also advised the adoption of a Plumbing Ordinance, but had not gotten one whipped into shape completely.

Mr. Soddy, through the City Clerk, asked how he was to build on his triangular lot and keep within the restrictions of the Building ordinance? The lot is located on the corner of Arlington and Ingracia, lot 17, block 11. The matter was referred to the Building Inspector.

A permit was asked for to build a corrugated iron garage for the storing of Automobiles on 213th St. opposite the Lumber yard. the applicants had bought Mr. Sammons' garage and wanted to build another on the same plan.

Trustee Stone moved that the permit be granted. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The application to build a residence on Cabrillo St. below Carson was refused on account of the location of the property being inside the fire zone where wooden buildings were not allowed.

On account of four near accidents, Trustee Proctor moved that the City Clerk write a notice for the local paper warning parents against letting their children roll old tires and rims around the streets. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor advocated the idea of planning ahead to take over the sewer system, to build a jail and fire station and to complete Western Avenue.

The payment of the Hoffman warrant, being a warrant in full payment of his resurfacing contract with the City, was held up until the City Engineer could get in touch with him and find out if he would furnish material wages for the fixing of different places on the streets resurfaced by him.

Trustee Stone moved that this warrant be paid on approval of the City Engineer. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

City Attorney Briney read:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF TREES AND SHRUBBERY ON PUBLIC STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF

Trustee Stone moved that Ordinance No. 33 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

Ordinance No. 34 was read by Attorney Briney but, on a motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote, it was referred back to the Ordinance committee.

Trustee Gilbert moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

In discussing rules regarding the rights of property owners and also the rights and ownership of the utilities of the City, City Attorney Briney stated that we are not in a position at the present time to take any direct action as there was insufficient evidence. He suggested that a way be provided to get this evidence before definite steps were taken.

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At 12:00 P.M. Trustee Proctor moved that the meeting adjourn until 12:01 A. M. September 20, 1922. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Albert H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

James M. Fitzhugh  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.